

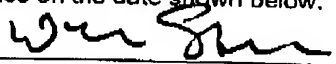
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R E S P O N S E

Hon. Commissioner for Patents


Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 24, 2007, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect Group III, claims 9-14, drawn to a method for detecting defects on a semiconductor device, classified in class 382, subclass 149, for prosecution at this time.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 9-14 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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